(i) Sports Festival for Women;

(ii) Sports Scholarship Scheme (special scholarship for women component)

Other schemes of the Ministry also benefit both men and women sports persons.

(b) Following funds were allocated during the last 3 years:

Name of the scheme		*Years*		*(Rs. in lakhs)*
		1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002
(i)	Sports Festival for women	38	26	40
(ii)	Sports Scholarships	300	300	360

(c) Non-Governmental Organisations are not involved in implementing the schemes. Sports Authority of India, State/UT Governments and concerned Sports Federations are involved in implementing the scheme.

(d) 5900 women sports persons under the scheme of Sports Festival for Women and 117 Women sportspersons under the scheme of Sports Scholarships have been benefited during the last 3 years.

Re-operating the All-India Sports Council

†1912. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to re-operated the All-India Sports Council.

(b) if so, when this Council was established first;

(c) for how many years the said Council has been inactive; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the reasons for re-operating this Council by Government and Government's assessment of the annual expenditure, so far, for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The All India Council of sports was first set up in 1954 as a body of sports experts to advise Government on all matters relating to promotion of sports and games. The same was existing continuously from that time with periodic reconstitution. However, after the setting up of Sports Authority of India (SAI), it was felt that the continuance of AICS is unnecessary and the same be abolished. Accordingly, the AICS was abolished in April, 1984.

(d) Over the years, SAI has been performing multifarious functions and it has progressively tended to become engaged in day to day matters not leaving enough time and focus for policy planning directed towards long term promotion and development of sports in the country. In these circumstances, Government has decided to revive the All India Council of Sports as an advisory body, which could recommend useful and productive lines of action to the Government in the overall interest of sports and games in the country. There is no budget provision for the AICS in this year's budget of the Ministry.

Developing National Institute of Sports at Patiala as Deemed University

1913. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the postiion of the National Institute of Sports at Patiala, which was once proposed to be developed as Deemed University, with similar Institutes at Bangalore, Kolkata, etc.; and